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Dear Mr Jaffe,

FORCED MOLTING OF LAYER HENS

I am a nurse from England and I am appalled to read that in North America no laws protect hens from forced molting as it does in Europe. This means that these poor wonderful sweet creatures have to endure weeks of starvation so that they are tricked into laying more eggs; they are already at death's door due to the appalling and crowded wire cages. This evil practice affects 75% of the 260 million laying hens in North America and I fail to understand how a Christian country can reconcile such cruelty with its beliefs.

May I draw your urgent attention to this matter so that the enforced molting of layer hens can be outlawed.

Yours sincerely,

A. Grant

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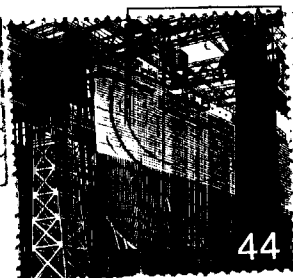
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